Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 17 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 17 Mar 2023 at 03:43

Confidence: High for mild and showery conditions through Friday and Saturday then for a window for more settled weather on Sunday. Some uncertainty in the timings of rain from late Sunday onwards so please keep up to date with the forecast.

Headline for Friday 17 Mar 2023: Bright spells in morning then scattered heavy showers in afternoon. Windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 17 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain	Drizzle
Precipitation probability					
30%	20%	40%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Friday 17 Mar 2023

Weather: Extensively cloudy to start, with this potentially developing breaks through the morning to allow both sunny spells, but also scattered showers to develop. Turning more generally cloudy in the afternoon once again, with further rain, and an outside chance of seeing a heavier showers with hail and possibly thunder. Mostly cloudy and damp into the evening, with cloud lowering once again.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% at first, becoming 70% during morning then becoming 30% in afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of fog and low cloud above 300m to start the morning, mainly over western hills, then lifting and breaking through the morning. Cloud becoming persistent again in the afternoon above 600m. Away from cloud, mainly good visibility but briefly less than 10km in any showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	32/38 S	31/37 S	28/36 S	29/36 S	24/30 S	21/25 S	18/22 S
600	23/28 S	24/30 S	22/29 S	22/29 S	18/23 S	15/20 S	13/17 S
300	15/25 S	16/27 S	15/26 S	15/26 S	11/21 S	9/18 S	8/15 S
Valley	15/26 S	16/27 S	15/26 S	15/26 S	11/20 S	10/18 S	8/16 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	4/-2	4/-2	5/-1	5/-0	5/-0	5/0	5/0
600	6/1	6/1	7/3	8/3	7/3	7/3	7/3
300	8/4	8/5	10/7	10/8	9/6	8/6	8/6
Valley	9/6	10/6	12/9	12/9	10/8	10/7	9/7
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1400m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

A mild day down in the valleys but still feeling cold on the tops, especially in low cloud and in any showers.

Forecast for Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy overnight and to start the morning with the odd shower. Dry for most of the morning with sunny spells developing but a few showers developing in the afternoon, mainly across the east of Snowdonia with a small chance of hail and thunder. Becoming dry, clear and colder late in the evening.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 10-15mph, gusts 20-25mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 70% by afternoon, lowering to 30% for a time early evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud and fog above 400m with patches on lower slopes, lifting to 900m by the afternoon but lowering at times in any showers and generally for a time early evening. Generally good visibility away from cloud but some reductions in showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** 8C, rising to 12C, falling to 4C in evening.
At 800m: Plus 5 or 6C, falling to 2C late in evening.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 900m late in evening.

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